

Church News.

FROM SMITHVILLE, O.

The brethren of the Zion Hill church held their quarterly business meeting today; everything passed off pleasantly and in brotherly love. Brother Kieffer our pastor brought our apportionment of the College debt before the church; and as we are but a handful of poor people at this place we thought you were rather hard on us but nevertheless we have raised the amount assigned us and will remit as soon as other churches are ready. Your sister in Christ.

MRS. C. B. SCHLOSSNAGEL.

NEWS ALONG THE LINES.

Closed our meetings at Fairchance on Saturday evening before Easter, results four accessions to the Brethren church and prospects for the future very flattering. Preached at the Grove church on Easter Sunday, and after preaching a new Sabbath-school sprang into existence with Sister Trader (Conservative) superintendent, and Elder Gans, assistant. They will use the Brethren literature. The result of our work this winter in my pastorate is as follows: Grove church six accessions, Middle Runn eight accessions, Masontown five accessions, nineteen in all, and one new school.

Fraternally,

J. W. FITZGERALD.

REPORT OF PENNSYLVANIA MISSION BOARD.

Amount previously reported,	\$138 03
Jan. 10, Mt. Union church,	3 00
March 8, Altoona church,	1 78
" 14, Pittsburg church,	10 00
" 29, McAllisterville	1 50

From self-denial fund as follows:

Mrs. Beachly, Meyersdale,	5 00
H. G. Goughnour, Johnstown,	1 00
Maggie Furry, Altoona,	1 00
D. M. Smouse, "	5 00
Annie Burkhard, Johnstown,	1 00
S. N. Buzard, Hittaning,	4 00

The last named was paid to J. B. Wampler direct.

End of 1st half of year, \$171.31

Brethren this is too slow for a Progressive church and too slow to pay 2 Evangelists. I will again inform those of self-denial band that I have the list in my hands and will furnish for any locality if requested also that I will report and credit on list all moneys received on said pledges. Now for a rally for the last half of the year. We go to Salisbury to Conference if the Lord spares us and to a new church and we want to go there out of debt to the Evangelists.

R. Z. REPLOGLE.

April 9, 1896.

THE BETHANY CHURCH.

Bethany Brown Co. Kans., is still progressing. On Sunday, April 5, we received two members by letter. Our business meeting was on Monday, 6. It was well attended and business of importance was transacted. Church officers elected and love feast appointed for Sunday night, April 19. If possible come and take part with us. Part of our time will be given to Preston. At the close of the business meeting a young man was baptized and received into the church. Our business meetings at Bethany are always good. I returned to Preston at night and this morning 10:30, married Mary J. Grant and Timothy O'Hern. I am now bound for Wayne, Kans.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

FROM WALK CHALK, PA.

Meetings in the Glade Run congregation held by J. B. Wampler under the auspices of Pennsylvania Mission Board were successfully ended March 15, 1896. They commenced Feb. 17, during which time he delivered eleven sermons and eighteen illustrated lectures which all took a great interest in. One added to the church and one reclaimed. We hereby desire to thank the Mission Board for their kindness in sending him to our assistance, in as much as we have no regular pastor at this time. The day before Brother Wampler left us Brother Smouse made his appearance, and has since preached four able sermons. Attendance and attention very good and I hope the impression left is the same.

NANNIE BOWSER, Cor. Sec.

FROM MARION, IND.

It has been some time since a report has been sent to the EVANGELIST. Am glad to say that we are still trying to hold the fort. We feel very much encouraged spiritually and discouraged financially. The draw back that was in the church is now out of the way. May God help us not to weary in well doing, but stand firm and steadfast and fight a good fight, that we may gain the victory. May God help us to do our whole duty and stand by our church that we may prosper. It is the faithful that will receive the full benefit of his labor. Brethren pray for the Marion class that we may be strong and do much good here. May God bless us all.

MARY RODER.

THE pastor who starts a new society in his church simply because it is a good thing is not wiser than the manufacturer who adds more machinery to his mill without regard to the power required to run it.—Ex.

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Last week we called attention to the pernicious doctrine that it matters not what a man believes, if he is sincere in what he believes. *The Covenant* contains the following which very forcibly illustrates this truth:

"The popular adage is: 'O, it makes no difference what a man believes, if he is sincere.'"

Let us see. A family was poisoned in Montgomery County recently by eating toadstools, which they sincerely believed to be mushrooms. Three of them died. Did it make no difference?

A man indorsed a note for a friend whom he sincerely believed to be an honest man. He was a scoundrel, and left him to pay the debt. Did it make no difference?

A traveler takes the wrong train going North, sincerely believing it is the Southern train. Will it make no difference? Will he bring up at the South all the same?

If a man sincerely believes a certain thing, while the truth about it is entirely different, will this sincere belief make it all right?

The truth is, the popular adage is a lie, and a very transparent one at that! If a man is sincere, he will take pains to know the truth. For where facts are concerned, all the thinking in the world will not change them. A toadstool remains a toadstool, whatever we may think about it."

HAVING a high opinion of religion is no evidence that one is near the kingdom of God. We know a great many irreligious men who are thoroughly alive to the importance of other people getting religion.—Ex.

Matrimonial.

ALEXANDER—BRANDHORST.—At the bride's parents near Hudson, Iowa, March 25, 1896, Mr. Mark Alexander and Miss Susie Brandhorst were united in marriage by Rev. J. L. Gillin in the presence of a large number of friends.

Our Dead.

SHELL.—Mrs. Ann Shell was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 17, 1807, died near North Manchester, Ind., March 29, 1896, aged 88 years, 4 month, and 12 days. Funeral services in the Concord church by WM. W. SUMMERS.